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Suzanne,

I have been advised since my last communication that there are pesticide laboratory funds that are set aside each year from the Pesticide Enforcement Grant for states on a revolving basis. It appears that in FY2021 IDA can request an additional \$41,600 in pesticide laboratory funding. These funds can be used for anything permissible under current grant regulations and not just equipment. I understand that your FY2021 grant can be amended with a pen and ink change. For more information about how to do that please reach out to Martha Robinson. Martha is cc'd on this communication for your convenience.

Thank you and I apologize for the oversight. Hope you are doing well. Take care.

Regards,
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Importance: High

Dear Ms. Suzanne Moss:

With this email I am sending you the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 – 2021 FIFRA Cooperative Work Plan and Report Template and the Instruction Manual for the FIFRA Work Plan and Report Template. EPA expects to be funded through September 30, 2021, for your Performance Partnership Grant at the allocations, below. For FY2021 planning purposes we will use these allocations to begin negotiating with you regarding pesticide program implementation activities and compliance/enforcement activities to be performed under the Performance Partnership Grant. Please use the FY2021 estimated program implementation and enforcement base proposed allocation totals provided below when formulating your work plan and budget. The estimated totals do not include any State proposed supplemental project costs, so please also include proposed supplemental project costs in your work plan and budget. Supplemental project proposals should be added to the bottom of the worksheet titled "Work Plan and Reports". Region 5 will give preferential consideration for universal projects (projects that serve all Region 5 states) and projects related to agricultural integrated pest management (IPM), including IPM for hemp, pollinator protection, the application, certification, and/or enforcement monitoring of drones (UAVs) in agriculture, field research and enforcement monitoring related to dicamba use, supplementally distributed products, Certification and Training (C&T) or enforcement projects related to COVID-19 (or similar viral epidemics) and disinfectants, and outreach related to proper antimicrobial use for the public or industry.

<u>Program Elements</u>	<u>Proposed Allocation</u>
1. Enforcement Base	\$420,400
2. Program Implementation	\$277,284
Total	\$697,684

The above proposed allocations are simply formula-based allocations; they are not entitlements. Awards will be based on demonstrated needs, not allocation level. Please start planning your budgets and activities for FY2021 and submit your application by **June 8, 2020** to allow for review and consideration of an early award. Otherwise, applicants not seeking an early award have until September 30, 2020 to submit their application.

For FY2021 we have the same number of marketplace and producer establishment inspections we proposed in FY2020. Though, we expect that EPA requests for states to perform these inspections may increase if complaints are received for products claiming to offer COVID-19 protections.

As you prepare your FY2021 FIFRA Work Plan and Report Template, please consider adding the activities in the table below to your work plan activity description (outputs) for the corresponding activities. In addition, please describe your activities to coincide with the corresponding National Program Office (NPM) such that the outputs under the NPM of OPP includes compliance assistance and other program activities, and outputs under the NPM of OECA include compliance monitoring and other inspection/enforcement activities.

OECA Activity # 01.02.07.0	Ensure a minimum of one state employee obtains and maintains an EPA inspector's credential. Where state authority is inappropriate or inadequate, or at EPA's request, conduct FIFRA inspections with EPA credentials, according to EPA procedures and guidance. IDA will submit to EPA training information, certifications and forms for all federally credentialed inspectors by the end of the calendar year .
OECA Activity # 01.02.08.0	Refer all inspections conducted with federal credentials to the region within 60 days from the date the inspection report is completed.
OECA Activity # 01.02.12.0	Conduct inspections as negotiated and consistent with the FIFRA Inspection Manual. IDA will conduct 8 Producer Establishment Inspections and 4 Marketplace inspections. Federal credentials will be used for inspections conducted under this commitment.
OPP Activity # 02.01.02.0	<i>Conduct WPS-related outreach, education and technical assistance on the revised rule's requirements to the regulated and impacted community.</i> When planning WPS activities for outreach, education and technical assistance, explore working with new or different stakeholders/venues if possible. Report in aggregate the approximate number of participants reached in 2021.
OECA Activity # 02.02.01.0	Monitor compliance with the WPS requirements associated with use. In targeting and prioritization within this activity, focus on high risk pesticides, large numbers of workers, high exposure scenarios or repeat offenders. IDA will conduct 35 WPS inspections.
OECA Activity # 18.02.01.0	For inspections conducted on behalf of EPA with federal credentials, a copy of the inspection report will be sent to the establishment inspected and EPA Region 5 within 60 days of the date of inspection. In addition, when physical samples are collected for formulation analysis the results will be shared with the establishment once the results are finalized.
OECA Activity # 19.02.01	Conduct 8 pesticide establishment inspections. Focus on supplemental distributor products, contract manufacturers, fumigants, RUP or Tox-1 pesticides or other pesticides of regulatory concern to address composition, registration and labeling issues.
OECA Activity # 19.02.02	In support of 19.02.01, IDA will collect at least 10 samples and submit to laboratory for formulation analysis to ensure product composition complies with terms of registration. If physical samples are not available during PEIs, samples will be collected during MPIs.

For OECA Activity # 02.02.01.0, above, you also have the option of proposing a WPS Focused inspection program in FY2021. If you are interested in pursuing this option, please contact your enforcement technical contact to discuss further and to obtain a copy of the EPA WPS Focused Framework dated December 18, 2019.

Recognizing that the public health emergency from the Novel Coronavirus has put a spotlight on the proper use of disinfectants, which are regulated under FIFRA, we want to bring your attention to some areas within the FIFRA Cooperative Agreement Guidance where you could include related activities. If you are finding that disinfectant use may be an issue in your state, some of your work to ensure proper use can be included in your FY2021 Work Plan under Activity #s 01.01.01, 01.02.04 or "pick list" items 21.01.01 through 21.02.01 (Emerging Public Health Pesticide Issues). We encourage making at least some commitments in this topic area and have provided suggested activity descriptions, which you can modify as appropriate:

OPP Activity	<i>Provide outreach, communication, and training as appropriate as a result of new emerging issues, rules, regulations, and registration and registration review</i>
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	<i>decisions.</i> Utilize existing EPA and NPIC disinfection materials or develop new materials/messages for the proper purchase and use of COVID-19 disinfectants and disseminate these proper disinfectant messages to a specified number of (e.g., at least 2) outreach events and to commercial pesticide applicators or disinfection businesses Statewide.
OECA Activity	Respond to clearly identified public health pesticide issues by providing compliance monitoring and enforcement. IDA will perform at least 10 use inspections of commercial disinfection services.

EPA requires all initial applications be submitted through Grants.gov. Application instructions appear at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/apply-for-grants.html>. When applying use CFDA Number 66.605, and Funding Opportunity Number EPA-CEP-01 in the application. To submit your application using Grants.gov, your organization must be registered with Grants.gov. Please allow four weeks to complete registration. You will also need a DUNS number and an active SAM.gov (System for Award Management) registration before registering with Grants.gov. You can find more information regarding registration at [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

All FIFRA Cooperative Agreements must be reported via the FIFRA Work Plan Report Template. The FIFRA template is a Microsoft Excel® 2013 Workbook comprised of several worksheets, that all appear as “tabs” at the bottom of the screen once you open the Excel file. A link to the FIFRA Template, instructions for its use, and a brief description can be found in Appendix 2 of the 2018-2021 Joint EPA Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) and Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) [FY 2018-2021 FIFRA Cooperative Agreement Guidance](#). If you have difficulty with the FIFRA template, please contact your Technical Contact for assistance. When developing your template you may wish to refer to the 2018-2021 Joint EPA OPP/OECA FY 2018-2021 FIFRA Cooperative Agreement Guidance which can be found at EPA’s website under [State Oversight Resources and Guidance Documents](#) for FIFRA.

In FY2021, (and mandatory in FY2022), FIFRA State Lead Agencies will have the option of using the FIFRA Continuing Environmental Program Grants database to plan and report their activities, instead of using the FIFRA Work Plan and Report Template. This online database, housed on EPA’s Central Data Exchange (CDX) server, will replace the large Excel Workbook with a relatively intuitive, menu-driven series of screens to generate Work plans and periodic reports, including the Forms 5700. Activities from the FIFRA Cooperative Agreement Guidance will be loaded into the database in advance; for each activity there will be a screen to specify your plans and to report your accomplishments. We encourage you to try using the new database. Please let your Technical Contact know, so that designated staff and supervisors can get access rights for it. Introductory information and system orientation will be planned between now and the application deadline.

If you have any questions, please contact your Program Technical Contact, Susan Rittenhouse at (312) 886-1769 or your Enforcement Technical Contact, Claudia Niess at (312) 886-7598.

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